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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTALMail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims After Amendment		Highest Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity Rate Fee	Large Entity Rate Fee
Total Claims	40	MINUS	40	00	x 25 =	x 50 =
Independent Claims	06	MINUS	06	00	x 100 =	x 200 =
Multiple Dependent Claim Present and Fee Not Previously Paid						
Total					\$	\$

- ☒ Applicant(s) believe that no (additional) Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 500388.
- ☒ Please charge the required fees, or any additional fees required to facilitate filing the enclosed response, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. CISC236).

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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In response to the Office Action dated January 5, 2006, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.